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FBCV Foster Parent Association will meet on September 16

The Family Builders of Catawba Valley Foster Parent Association will meet on Monday, September 16, from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Grace Reformed United Church of Christ located at 117 East J Street in Newton.

A special program titled “Smoke House” will be presented by Bill Denton of the Firefighters Association. Foster parents are encouraged to bring their children to this meeting.

“Smoke House” will teach children how to get out of a burning house. It is for children of all ages but the material is written specifically for children ages five through nine.

“This program may be the defining factor in a child learning how to save his or her own life or the life of someone else in the case of a fire,” says Daisy Bryant, Association president. “All foster parents are encouraged to bring their children to this meeting.”

According to David Pruitt, interim fire marshal for Catawba County, “Residential fires account for most fire related injuries and fatalities.”

He says this is why it is essential for families to have properly installed and working smoke detectors in their homes, and that families should always react to a smoke detector alarm as if it is a real house fire. Families should have an escape plan and a plan to account for each household member when escaping the home.

Members needing childcare assistance during the meeting for the toddlers and babies should contact Dorothy Hester at 828-328-4441.

The FBCV Foster Parent Association provides opportunities for foster parents to share experiences, advice and knowledge. The Association also promotes professionalism among foster parents by supporting continuing education and opportunities to improve skills. It also is a great socialization opportunity for foster parents and their families.

For more information about the reception or to schedule an individual appointment to discuss becoming a resource family, contact Regina Roberts at Family Builders of Catawba Valley at (828) 465-8970 or email

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